

Town of Garfield
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2022 - 7:00 PM
405 W California

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pfaff called the regular town council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Pfaff, Council Members: Neal Leon, Mike Olsen, Connie Schaut and Tom Tevlin. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer: Cody Lord, Public Works: Shon Clark Absent:

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Craig Mitzimberg, Abel and Theresa Rushing, Jody Opheim, Donna Wride and Alan Lewis and Chris.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Connie Schaut **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting January 26, 2022. Tom Tevlin **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Several members from the community were in attendance to discuss the cat problem within town. Alan Lewis said his vehicles and property are being damaged and he hopes that something can be done. Chris, Rick Wride and Donna Wride were also at town hall to discuss the cat situation. Homeowners are complaining about the smell and the mess they are leaving behind. Marshal Handley said because is a one man show and he doesn't mind others helping in catching feral cats to be taken to Andi Edwards clinic for spay and neuter and if possible re-homing. Mayor Pfaff said the town will order more traps in an attempt to get more of them captured and spayed and neutered. Donna said she currently has two traps but has loaned one out and will keep track of where that one is going.

POLICE REPORT:

Marshal Handley said he has a leak in the exhaust system of the patrol car. The left muffler was bent in a collision before the town acquired the car and we knew at some point it would be an issue. It has finally surfaced and needs to be fixed. Marshal Handley has provided the council and public the end of the year report. This report has all of the stats for the year and includes the training that Marshal Handley has attended.

Mike Olsen asked about the stats in the report and questioned why Palouse has the same amount of calls as the smaller Garfield office. Marshal Handley explained that he is more aggressive in his approach to pull over problematic vehicles and more proactive in handling town issues. Palouse tends to focus on disabled vehicles and dog barking issues.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Shon Clark

Water

Everything operating as normal. Well #4 is back up and running. There was a clay valve problem that was causing aeration in the water and making it appear a little milky.

Sewer

Everything operating as normal. A lot of time has been spent at the sewer plant cleaning it up. Shon will be writing SOPs so a person with minimal knowledge can walk out there and know the standard things that need to be completed. There was a manhole lifted on Wesley that was about 13 inches under the pavement.

Garbage

Everything operating as normal. Still waiting on parts to repair the garbage truck. Hopefully they will be here within the next couple of weeks.

Streets/Parks

Damon has been spending about 8 hours a day assisting Shon in getting some of the things taken care of around town and out at the plant. Neal Leon said he inspected the invoice from McCully Repair and it appears they are responsible for the erroneous parts put on the truck in the past. He suggested not using McCully in the future for such repairs. Shon said it would not be wise to not have him available for services in the future because he is local and his go to when he needs someone quick. The drums should have come directly from a Mack supplier, and it was an honest mistake in placing them on the garbage truck. Chris used the VIN to look up the drums that were listed for the truck and it was unknown that only Mack brakes needed to be used. Mayor Pfaff suggested continuing to use McCulley Repair for emergency repairs and council was in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Seat #2 has been open for just over a month and it is now time to appoint a new council member for this position. Mayor Pfaff said that 3 members of the community have submitted letters of interest and will be asked 3 questions to learn a bit more about them and their interest in filling the position.

1. Why would you like to join Garfield Town Council?
2. Describe one area you would like to see the Town of Garfield improve.
3. Are you able to impartially serve on the town council and not co-mingle your personal agenda with the needs of the residents of Garfield?

All three candidates answered the questions for the council to evaluate. Mayor Pfaff thanked all the candidates for expressing interest and said it is great to see more than one person applying for an open position.

Mayor Pfaff said the council would move into Executive Session at 7:17 to discuss the candidate's answers and be back in 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110 (h). The regular town council meeting will reconvene at 7:32 pm.

The regular town council meeting reconvened on time at 7:32 pm. Mayor Pfaff asked council who they would vote to appoint onto the open council position #2. Tom Tevlin and Mike Olsen said they would vote for Craig Mitzimberg and Neal Leon and Connie Schaut said they would vote for Jody Opheim. Mayor Pfaff said he would have to be the tie breaking vote and he would vote for Craig Mitzimberg. Craig Mitzimberg was

officially appointed to council position #2 and will be sworn in after the completion of the council meeting. Jody Opheim said she works on a lot of grant funding throughout the county and she would be willing to assist in any way possible to help the town to keep moving in a good direction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Hunt has provided a bid for spraying throughout town and the RV Park. This will be for weed spraying, applying sterilant and also fertilizing in the park. Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to approve the weed control bid from Larry Hunt. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

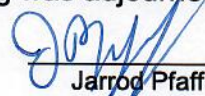
FINANCIAL: Approval of checks

Neal Leon **MOVED** to approve payment of bills. Mike Olsen **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Payroll: Checks 15095-15101 PLUS EFT AWC / EFTPS / EFT Dept of Retire / EFT Dept . Retirement	Total =\$15,099.35
Payroll: Checks QTRLY PAYROLL EFT L&I / ESD / PFML	Total =\$2,429.12
Claims: Checks 15102-15122	Total =\$24,435.11
Total Claims and Payroll: \$41,963.58	

ADJOURN:

Tom Tevlin **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Connie Schaut **seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.** The council meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.


Jarrod Pfaff – Mayor

ATTEST:

Cody Lord – Clerk/Treasurer